

REMARKS

Claims 3-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3-10 are amended and rewritten in independent form and claims 1 and 2 are cancelled.

Applicant thanks Examiner Slack for recognizing allowable subject matter in claims 3-10. By this Amendment, claims 3-10 are rewritten in independent form and amended to address the various objections and rejections in the Office Action.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to. By this Amendment, the drawings are amended to obviate the objection. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to based on various informalities. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to obviate the objection. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 7-10 were objected to based on an informality. By this Amendment, the claims are amended to obviate the objection. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 3-7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, the claims are amended to obviate the rejection. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.


In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,956,904 to Gentry in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,134,843 to Tregear and an article by Miami Aqua-culture Inc. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution. The cancellation of claims 1 and 2 should in no way be considered an admission or any other comment on the appropriateness of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached 12 sheets of drawings include new Figure 25 and changes to Figures 1, 6, 14, 18, 19, 23, and 24. Page numbers have been added to all pages of the drawings.

Attachment: Replacement sheets